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POWERS WINS DIVORCE SUIT

Wife Of Ex-U-2 Pilot Gets \$5,000 Alimony Settlement

Milledgeville, Ga., Jan. 16 (AP)—Francis Gary Powers, former U-2 pilot whose imprisonment in Russia brought international complications, was granted a divorce today.

Powers, 33, charged his 28-year-old wife Barbara was guilty of habitual intoxication and said she cursed and abused him without cause.

Mrs. Powers, whom he married in 1955, asked alimony in a counter-suit and was granted a lump sum payment of \$5,000, plus \$500 in attorneys' fees.

She told the jury that Powers, who served 21 months of a 10-year sentence for spying, was a changed man following his return from Russia and "took all his bitterness out on me."

Mrs. Powers said that during an illness her family advised her to see a psychiatrist and when she refused, her family had her declared mentally incompetent and placed in an Augusta (Ga.) hospital for treatment.

Powers told the jury "the only person who ever mistreated me while I was in prison in Russia was my wife Barbara."

He testified that he is now employed as a test pilot in California, and earns about \$310 a week.

Downed In 1960

Powers was downed May 1, 1960, while flying a reconnaissance mission over Russia. A few weeks later at a summit meeting in Paris, Soviet Premier Khrushchev demanded that the United States apologize, condemn spy plane missions and punish those responsible for Powers's flight.

He canceled an invitation for the then President, Dwight Eisenhower, to visit Russia the following month. The summit talks collapsed despite the former President's assurance that U-2 flights had been suspended.